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SUBJECT: EGYPTIAN PRESS COVERAGE OF UNREST IN SYRIA

1. AHRAH FEBRUARY 21 CARRIES PROMINENT FRONT-PAGE ARTICLE DETAILING RECENT CIVIL DISTURBANCES IN SYRIAN CITY OF HAMA. CITING SOURCES IN BEIRUT, AHRAH REPORTS WIDESPREAD ARRESTS AMONG MEMBERS OF ALWANI, 'ASFUR, AND NARLAN FAMILIES, ALONG WITH A REINFORCEMENT FOR HAMA SECURITY FORCES OF 500 MEN, IN WAKE OF SERIES OF CLASHES BETWEEN STUDENTS AND SECURITY FORCES AND KILLING OF A CERTAIN MAJOR GHARA (FURTHER DETAILS OMITTED). AHRAH ARTICLE CONCLUDES THAT OFFICIALS IN DAMASCUS NOW CONCERNED THAT HAMA DISTURBANCES MAY SPREAD TO OTHER SYRIAN CITIES.

2. COMMENT: AHRAH, PROBABLY WITH OFFICIAL GOE
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ACQUIESCENCE, IS SEIZING UPON REPORT OF CIVIL

DISTURBANCES IN PARTS OF SYRIA TO PAY BACK IN KIND RECENT
SYRIAN PRESS CLAIMS OF WIDESPREAD UNREST IN EGYPT.
APART FROM AHRAH, OTHER EGYPTIAN DAILIES DO NOT
GIVE PROMINENT TREATMENT TO RECENT SYRIAN DISTURBANCES.
DAMASCUS BEST ABLE JUDGE HOW MUCH, IF ANY, OF
AHRAH'S REPORT IS BASED ON FACT.
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